



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: WALKER et al.

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN

A THIRD PARTY SUBSIDY AND A

MERCHANT SUBSIDY FACILITATE A

TRANSACTION

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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Notification of Fee Status Change Pursuant

to 37 CFR § 1.27

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Dear Sir:

The assignee of the above-identified application claims small entity status. This notification is made pursuant to 37 CFR §1.27.

If the Examiner has any questions about this status change, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (203) 461-7337. While no fees are believed due in connection with this paper, please charge any fees that may be required for this paper, or with any other papers filed in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Respectfully submitted,

September 20, 2002

Date

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